

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Dec 13, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Holiday Concert

Everyone is invited to attend the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) Holiday Concert on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area post theater.

Post Theater holiday hours

The Post Theater will be closed on Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9 for the Aberdeen Area Christmas tree lighting ceremony and concert and closed Friday, Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 15 due to the annual U. S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' EXODUS program.

The theater will close for the holidays, Dec. 23 through Jan. 5, and will reopen Saturday, Jan. 6.

Re-Nu-It center closes for holidays

The RE-NU-IT centers in the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 29. The Aberdeen Area center will re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 8 a.m. and the Edgewood Area center will re-open on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 8 a.m.

Letters from Santa

The American Red Cross announces a special holiday delivery direct from the North Pole. Santa will send personalized letters to all children or adults on your shopping list with a uniquely-tailored holiday greeting. Santa's elves just need a little help from you in order for Santa to write his letters. Simply call 410-879-6984 or 410-838-4568 before Dec. 6 and leave your name and address to receive the personalized order form. The cost is \$5 per letter and benefits the lifesaving work of the American Red Cross.

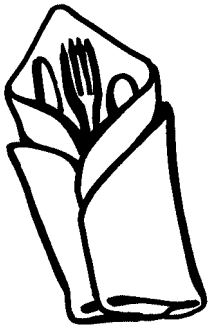
Christmas tree pickup for housing occupants

Monday, Jan. 8, is the date for Christmas tree pickup in the Aberdeen and Edgewood housing areas. If you have any questions, call Chris Barwick at 410-278-4747.

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Use cloth napkins to reduce solid waste.



For more information on pollution prevention, call Michelle Guitard, APG Pollution Prevention Program, 410-306-2273

APG supports 101st Army-Navy game and Army's 101st Airborne Division

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Whether you were taking sides or not in the first Army-Navy football game to be played in Baltimore in 56 years, it was easy to get caught up in the festivities if you ventured anywhere near Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

The harbor was the sight of an impressive display of U.S. Navy vessels, and U.S. Army tanks, vehicles and aircraft placed there for the thousands who visited the site during the three-day celebration.

Dominating the scene on the south side of the Pratt Street Pavilion was the USS Carter-Hall, a dock landing ship and the largest to ever dock at the harbor.

Visitors waited in long lines all day despite the chilly breeze to see the ship's interior.

On a grassy clearing in the shadow of the tall ship, was an impressive display of Army hardware. The Maryland Army National Guard's 29th Aviation Battalion from the Edgewood Area provided four high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicles, one with a tow missile attachment and one UH-60 Blackhawk medical evacuation helicopter from the 104th Medical Company for display. They were joined by two tanks from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center and an AH-64 Apache from the 101st

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Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Capt. James Bell, checks out the tail wheel assembly on an AH-64 Apache Longbow on the Edgewood Area's Weide Airfield as another 101st Airborne Division Apache taxis in behind him. A pilot with the 2/101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, Ky., Bell was part of a detachment of pilots, crew and 15 aircraft sent to Aberdeen Proving Ground in support of the Army-Navy game's 101st meeting in Baltimore's PSINet Stadium.

Andrew Rammacca, 8, looks through a Tow Missile site atop a high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle assisted by a soldier from the Maryland Army National Guard's 29th Aviation Battalion. The unit supplied four HMMWVs and one UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter to support the U.S. Army's Inner Harbor display.



Baltimore veterans center sets example

Dr. Jack Pierce, director of Resident Services at MCVET, stands inside an average single-room occupancy apartment. These apartments are part of the shared-living concept for employed or enrolled residents who are close to re-entering society. The apartments consist of private bedrooms with televisions and refrigerators, a common kitchen area with storage lockers for dry goods, bathrooms with private stalls, open showers and the buildings' only bathtub.



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Seemingly forgotten in the annual tribute to veterans is the plight of homeless veterans in America. National statistics show there are more than 225,000 homeless veterans in the United States, with more than 4,000 in the state of Maryland.

Several years ago, a group of veterans, led by Blair E. Cross, chair of Harford County Veterans Commission and past state commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, undertook the challenge of establishing the Maryland Center

for Veterans Education and Training (MCVET).

Today, the center located at 301 North High Street in Baltimore, stands as the premier facility of its kind in the nation. It operates as a full continuum-of-care facility consisting of a 50-person capacity day drop-in, 50-bed emergency shelter, 120-bed transitional housing and 80 single room occupancy apartments.

Cross said the idea came from a similar operation in Boston.

"We approached the mayor's Office of Homeless Services with

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Army Band readies for Holiday Concert 2000

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) trumpet section plays softly to the holiday classic, "Silent Night" during a Monday morning rehearsal for Holiday Concert 2000. The annual musical treat for the whole community is set for Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. at the Post Theater. The concert is free and open to the public. From left, Sgts. Brian Riley, David Martinez, Rebecca Horne, Staff Sgt. Robert Bauerle, Spc. Luke Jefferson, and in the rear on drums, Staff Sgt. Robert Davidson.



By Yvonne Johnson

It's that time again. The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) is making a list and checking it twice so things will sound just right for the Holiday Concert 2000.

The post's annual helping of musical cheer is this Saturday, Dec. 9, starting at 7 p.m. at the Post Theater. As always, the concert is free and open to the public.

This year, the popular Brass Quintet is included in the program. They will perform "Trepak" from the Nutcracker and

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

"The quintet already supports a lot of ceremonies," said Chief Warrant Officer Jerry L. Standridge, the band's commander, adding it will be a welcome addition to the program.

The Stage Band will perform sing-along favorites, "Frosty the Snowman" and "Sleigh Ride," while the Jazz Combo will get funky with "Jingle Bells" and "The Little Drummer Boy."

Other holiday selections include "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch," and "Silent Night."

The evening will end with the song "Here Comes Santa Clause" followed by a visit from Old Saint Nick himself.

Mark your calendars for a musical treat you won't want to miss.

Due to an upcoming trip to Europe, the Aberdeen High School Choir will not perform with the band this year.

Limited breakfast now available at Edgewood AAFES

A limited breakfast menu is now available at the Edgewood AAFES. Breakfast will be served daily from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.



Breakfast Combo (Sandwich, juice and coffee)	\$2.99
Muffin Sandwich (Bacon, egg and cheese)	\$1.59
(Sausage, egg and cheese)	
(Ham, egg and cheese)	
Muffin with egg and cheese	\$1.39
Muffin with egg	\$1.19
Cheese Danish	\$.99
Orange juice	\$1.09

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AA Thrift Shop manager needed

The Aberdeen Area Thrift Shop is accepting applications for manager through Jan. 4. This position is salaried. Retail and personnel experience is preferred. For more information, stop by the Thrift Shop during regular hours on Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call the shop at 410-272-8572, or contact Moira Kearney, Thrift Shop chairperson, at 410-297-9614.

Gift wrapping at Harford Mall for charity

Representatives from the American Medical Center Cancer Research Center and the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology Center will be wrapping gifts at the Harford Mall 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10 through Sunday, Dec. 24. Corporate orders are invited. Celebrate your holidays by supporting cancer research. All gifts are welcome, including those not purchased at the mall. For information call 410-879-5015

Children’s Christmas Party on Dec. 9

Just in case there is no snow on the ground on Dec. 9, Santa plans to arrive at the U.S. Air Force Detachment’s children’s Christmas party on his motorcycle. His 2 p.m. arrival will be right in the midst of the 3-hour party at the detachment headquarters in building 4403.

Organizers invite anyone who wants to attend to bring the whole family to the 1 to 4 p.m. gathering. The lunch will be potluck and everyone is invited to share their favorite holiday dish. Also planned are games and prizes, a cake walk, which will permit the winners to bring home a treat for the whole family, and a crafts table where guests can create their own gifts.

There will also be a gift exchange. Parents are asked to bring a gift (\$10 limit) marked for “boy” or “girl” in their own child’s age range. A food drive is also being conducted so the holiday cheer can be shared with others. Guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item.

For more information call 410-297-8542 or 410-297-8082.

GED Preparation classes

The Community and Business Services Division of Harford Community College offers tuition-based General Education Degree preparation classes to help adults earn a Maryland high school diploma. Free Adult Basic Education classes are also offered to help adults strengthen reading, writing and math skills. Adults new to the program should attend one of the following free advising sessions to receive information about the programs and to sign up for classes.

Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m., North Harford High School
Friday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m., Aberdeen Community Center.

For more information, call Cindy Fisher at Harford Community College, 410-836-4152.

Army Band takes holiday leave

The 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own) will be on leave Dec. 20 through Jan. 3 and, therefore, not available for commitments. Any questions regarding scheduling the Band should be referred to Judy Michalski, 278-7953/2711.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield to visit Dec. 12

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has made arrangements for a claims representative of the Service Benefit Plan Blue Cross/Blue Shield to visit APG on Tuesday, Dec. 12. The representative will be available from 9 to 1130 a.m. in building 305, Room B-14 (lower level) to discuss claim problems and plan coverage. The representative will also be available in the Edgewood Area Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

No appointment is necessary. Point of contact for this information is Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

Hoyle Health and Fitness Center

If you are a civilian and want to participate in an organized fitness program in the Edgewood Area, call the Hoyle Health and Fitness Center for information on the Civilian Fitness Program. The CFP is a six-month, one-time program established to help employees establish a fitness program. One of our staff members will take you through a health risk analysis and develop a one-on-one exercise program geared just for your exercise needs. The fitness center is a full service facility with aerobic and toning-classes, state-of- the art equipment that includes treadmills, recumbent bikes, steppers, elliptical cross trainers, rowers, and cross-country ski machines. We also have free weights and full-circuit weight machines. Stop in today to set up your personal training program. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 5:30 a.m. to 7:30

p.m., Friday 5:30 a.m to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For further information call 410-436-7134/7135.

AA Health and Fitness Center

If you are active duty and retired military, civilian employees, retired employees and their family members 14 to 21 years of age or contractors located on post, you are eligible to join the Fitness Center located in building 320 in the Aberdeen Area. A full line of cardiovascular equipment, free weights and full-circuit weight machines is available. Need a personal one-on-one program? Call and set up an appointment today with one of our staff members. We also offer Aerobic and Toning Classes daily with a certified instructor. All these services are included in one low price. Our hours of operation are Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. For more information call 410-278-9725/9759.

NECPOC announces leadership courses

Leadership Skills for Non-Supervisors will be offered Apr. 10-11, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School. Tuition is \$245.

This course is designed for team leaders, office coordinators, special emphasis program managers and all non-supervisory employees who want to enhance their leadership skills. It includes instruction in handling different personality types, the art of giving constructive feedback that minimizes defensiveness, effective delegation, overcoming conflict without making enemies; and building teams that work well together and get results. Nominations must be received in the NECPOC, HRDD, by Jan. 19. For more information contact Karin Hancock, 410-306-0065 or e-mail her at Karin.Hancock@cpocner.apg.army.mil.

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season

Thrift Savings Plan is open for changes to enrollment until Jan. 31. During the open enrollment period employees may elect to enroll in TSP or change their current TSP deduction. Thrift Savings Plan Open Season Update Pamphlets will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Employees must now contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) to make an open season change. Enrollment form TSP-1 can no longer be completed or processed by the CPAC. Employees may call the ABC-C at 1-877-276-9287 or access the website at www.abc.army.mil to enroll in TSP or make a change.

Employees who wish to change the way their TSP account balance is currently invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made up to once a month by calling the ThriftLine at 504-255-8777 or by completing a TSP-30, Interfund Transfer Request, available on the TSP website, www.tsp.gov. The TSP website includes current TSP information, forms and publications.

Federal employees Health Benefits Open Season

A Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season will be held through Dec. 11. Employees will no longer be required to complete SF-2809, Health Benefits Elections Form, to make health benefits changes. Employees will be able to contact the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) at 1-877-276-9287 or www.abc.army.mil to make open season elections electronically - a faster and easier way to make the necessary changes. For more information call Teri Wright, 410-278-4331 at the APG Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

Jewelry offered by EA-OWC

The Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club is offering opportunities to contribute to the APG community. EA-OWC member and jewelry designer Laura Pool has crafted and donated a 37.65 carat earring and pendant set of golden citrine and freshwater pearls mounted in 14 karat gold. The earrings are set with a large pear-shaped golden citrine and three dangling freshwater pearls. The pendant features a pearl-enhancer bail and two large unusually-cut golden citrines joined together end-to-end with four freshwater pearls between and three dangling below. The set is valued at \$1,700.

The club is offering opportunities to win the set at \$1 per ticket, or six tickets for \$5. Proceeds will benefit local organizations and charities. The winning ticket will be drawn at the club’s holiday cookie exchange on Dec. 13. Tickets are on sale throughout the APG community or by contacting Amy Steiger at 410-272-1520.

SBCOM holiday food and toy drive

The 15th annual U.S. Army Soldier and Chemical Biological Command Food and Toy Drive to help Neighbors Involved in the community of Edgewood is now in full swing.

Last year 44 families were recipients of the donations and this year NICE expects a need for 50 families. The organization serves families in Edgewood and Joppatowne with many of them being single-parent households. NICE works to improve the quality of life in these communities by focusing on education, recreation, safety, crime prevention, and drug and alcohol abuse.

NICE gives each family two bags of groceries and determines the toy needs from a form filled out by the family. The food and toys are delivered to the families’ homes and the donations are kept private.

We need new or gently-used toys, non-perishable foods, and/or household products. Also, toiletries, grooming supplies, compact disks, note paper and cards are among requested items. Food items with expired dates cannot be used.

Opened food products and broken or unusable toys will not be accepted or given. Let’s try to make this the best Toy and Food Drive we have sponsored. With everyone’s help, it is possible.

The closing reception and presentation of donations will be on Dec. 13 in the Berger Laboratory cafeteria, building E3549, at 1 p.m.

All donations will be picked up and placed in a secure area until items are delivered to NICE.

Donation boxes have been placed in the following buildings for your convenience: E3150, E4470, E3160, E4475, E3300, E5027, E3320, E5101, E3326, E5106, E3330, E3331, E5183, E3942, E5560, E3549, E5951, E4445, E4455 and E4465.

Register now for HCC spring credit courses

Credit classes for Harford Community College’s Spring 2001 semester begin on Wednesday, Jan. 17. Registration is now taking place in the College’s Chesapeake Center. Sign up Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through Jan. 16.

In addition, registration is accepted at HCC’s Aberdeen Proving Ground office Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-2338.

For more information about registering for spring credit courses at HCC, call the Office of Records and Registration at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

For more information or to obtain forms, see the Spring Schedule of Credit Classes that was mailed to all Harford County residents. Students can also access the Schedule of Classes at www.harford.cc.md.us.

HCC will be closed for winter break Dec. 23 to Jan. 1

KUSAHC tobacco cessation

Kirk will help you kick butts during four U.S. Army health clinic tobacco cessation classes to be conducted on Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m. on Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Training will be conducted in the Preventive Medicine conference room (room A-12), Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. All military beneficiaries are eligible. Class size is limited, so please preregister.

For more information and to schedule for the first class, please call Preventive Medicine at 410-278-1964.

Family Housing Office hours

The Family Housing Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The office participates in the compressed work schedule, with every other Friday off. For more information call 410-306-2010.

ACS needs volunteer drivers

American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers to participate in its Road to Recovery program. Volunteers drive cancer patients to and from treatment. You must own a car, have a safe driving record and have a few spare hours per month. Call 1-888-670-0427 and find out more about becoming a volunteer.

Help available for workers’ compensation

The Workers’ Compensation Program is located in the Installation Safety Division, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, building 4304. The office is open for walk-in assistance on Monday from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, the office will schedule appointments. For more information contact the Worker’s Compensation Office at 410-306-1091 or program manager, Susie Ashby, at 410-306-1057.

PTA needs volunteers

Roye-Williams Elementary School needs volunteers for the PTA. You do not need to be a parent to volunteer. For more information or to volunteer, call Tom DiCuirci, 410-272-5349, or Sue Osborne, 410-273-5536. Your support will help make this year a great success for our children.

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Coco will warm your heart.

Coco is an adorable 8-week old kitten with a tortoise shell coat whose frisky, playful nature will charm you for hours. She and her five brothers and sisters were born Nov. 7 at the Post Veterinary Treatment Facility. Coco, Mama cat and the rest of the litter are available for adoption. Mama cat is a stunning calico and the rest of the litter varies in colors and shades. They and other cats, kittens and dogs are available for adoption at the VTF. You do not have to be active-duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, call 410-278-4604.

MCVET gives homeless vets a second chance

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our idea,” Cross said. “Representatives of the mayor’s office checked out the Boston facility and came back with a glowing report.”

With the city’s backing, a grant writer was hired and an \$8-million grant was obtained from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purchase and restoration of the High Street building which once housed the Maryland Cup Company.

At the center’s 1995 opening, Senator Paul Sarbanes was quoted in an article in the New York Times newspaper lauding the Baltimore center as “the most efficient in the country for homeless veterans.”

“This is a very important milestone in this community which sets an example for the whole country,” Sarbanes said.

Cross recently sponsored a tour of the facility for members of Aberdeen’s Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association Freestate Chapter #70. Leading the tour was the center’s executive director, retired Army Col. Charles Williams.

Williams said the non-profit organization provides homeless veterans with comprehensive services that enable them to rejoin society.

“We are not interested in warehousing people. We provide continual care and training for people who are eager to get off the streets permanently,” Williams said.

He added that each occupant has an individual strategy plan designed around training in job, education and life skills.

“The recovery process is not easy,” Williams said. “Nationally, two out of three attempts at recovery fail. Our program has significantly better statistics than the national average. Seven out of ten residents who stay in our program beyond 60 days return to their communities as productive members of society.

“They don’t come here and do nothing,” he added.

Because many veterans suffer from alcohol and drug addictions, the movement of shelter residents is restricted the first 30 days of occupancy.

“Addiction is not a crime, it’s an illness,” Williams said. “We get them the help they need through day treatment or detoxification as necessary.”

Residents are issued clothing, given haircuts and are expected to shave daily. The dormitory is set up in military fashion complete

with wall lockers. The floors are highly polished, and each resident has a daily clean-up assignment in the dorm or in the common bathroom.

Residents go to school or attend classes in the center during the day. After the first 13 weeks they are evaluated by their peers who determine if they are ready to move up to the transition level.

“At that time they are either enrolled in school or seeking employment,” Williams said.

Noting that male-structured counseling is insufficient to treat the special needs of homeless females, Williams added that female staff members and female-oriented programs are in place for that purpose.

Employment Issues

The building’s fifth floor consists of administrative offices and classrooms where residents attend english and math courses, train in the computer lab or research subjects in the video library. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation maintains an office where Carl Rutledge, a full-time employment specialist, serves as an outreach counselor.

“The high population dictates a need for full time training assistance,” Rutledge said. “We partner with DLLR to get veterans back into society with employment and training.”

He added that residents are assessed after the first 90 days to evaluate their work experience and employment potential.

“Currently 50 percent of our residents are in training while the other half are employed. That was my goal when I came here,” he said adding that the first priority is to “focus on a career field that will sustain them on the outside.” While there is a computer lab on every floor, other facilities include a large dayroom and a gymnasium equipped with exercise equipment and weights.

“All the furniture and equipment was donated by groups or individuals,” Williams said adding that the residents are held responsible for the cleanliness of the two facilities and all common area.

A health clinic on the first floor that is open twice weekly is where residents receive their initial assessments. VA and state employees conduct training in the classrooms. Two classes being conducted that day were “Recovery Issues: Staying Focused on Your Plans,” and “Humor Therapy.”

Terry Emerson, a recreation



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

therapist with Veterans Affairs Medical Center Baltimore conducts a humor session every Wednesday. Using film clips of classic sitcoms such as “I Love Lucy” and “The Honeymooners,” Emerson uses humor as a therapeutic tool that can help open doors to higher thought.

“We try to get them to understand that humor is healthy and laughter can be good for you,” Emerson said.

“From here we’ll go on to discuss some of the manipulative things the characters did and that they might have done in the past.”

Residents elevated to the single room occupancy level occupy a separate wing of the building. Designed to prepare them for life on the outside, the wing consists of private bedrooms with refrigerators, a kitchen area with storage lockers, bathrooms with private stalls and the building’s only bathtub. The entire area is handicap-accessible. A security system allows for the unsupervised movement of residents, all of whom are employed or full-time students.

Ivan Harlee, SRO manager and Dr. Jack Pierce, director of resident services, supervise the wing.

“This is the final part of the continuum,” Harlee said. “Residents move from here back into the mainstream.”

Males occupy the top three floors of the four-story wing while the ground floor is for females.

A new beginning

One resident, Sharon Hunt, said she did not know where she would be without the MCVET. After two enlistments in the Army totaling 15 years, the 46-year old Bluefield, W.Va., native said she worked for the Department of Agriculture for four years before taking an early retirement under a government buyout.

Around that time alcohol and drugs were taking control of her

Sharon Hunt enjoys a meal in the dining hall of the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, also known as the Veterans Homeless Shelter. A U.S. Army veteran and a resident of the center since April, Hunt has moved from transitional dorm occupancy to single room occupancy due to her strides toward self improvement and independence. Hunt overcame substance abuse and depression to emerge as a full-time human resources major at Baltimore Community College.

life. The widow of a Vietnam veteran soon found herself homeless and penniless.

“I wound up at Perry Point VAMC’s 14-day detoxification program, then went to Fort Howard for long term recovery,” Hunt said.

Since her acceptance into MCVET in April, she said, her life has changed dramatically.

She is now enrolled in Baltimore Community College, majoring in Human Services courtesy of the VA’s Vocational Rehabilitation program. She said her goal is to become a VA services representative.

“I want to give back to society what it gave me,” Hunt said. “I love helping people and a lot of my fellow veterans need a lot of help.”

Hunt said she was surprised to find so much help available to her. Her healthcare regimen includes regular visits to physical therapy, neurology and to an acupuncturist.

“Here we have counselors, case managers and therapists, all working to get us back on our feet,” Hunt said. “And then we have Col. Williams. I think he’s really special.”

In the center’s front lobby, a plaque lists the organizations’ founders - Art Lego, Chester Silverman, F. Douglas Johnson and Blair E. Cross. Williams’ name is there as the center’s first executive director along with the name of then Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke.

ATC honors employees at ceremony

By Phyllis J. DeFranks
ATC Public Affairs Office

Fifty-three employees of the Aberdeen Test Center nominated by their peers for exceptional performance were honored recently at an awards ceremony at the Post Theater.

Col. Andrew G. Ellis, ATC commander, addressed the work force of more than 550, saying they were all winners.

“I’m proud we’re on the same team,” he said. “Keep up the good work.”

The Commander’s Quality Award was presented to an ATC work group or team for continued high-quality achievements. The Army Pulse Radiation Facility staff, Craig R. Heimbach, Patricia A. Powers, David A. O’Steen, Michael B. Stanka, John W. Gerdes, Henry G. Dubyoski, David A. Keelin, Bruce D. Cable, William F. Leavitt, Denver C. Miser, Mark A. Oliver, David L. Mattson, and Frances A. Bentley, earned the award for “out-standing support to the APRF,” said Charles D. Valz, director of Survivability/Lethality Core.

“Through turbulent times the APRF team persevered resulting in a positive outcome for this unique facility — its doors will remain open,” he said. “The team’s pride of ownership and dedication to keep this national asset available was truly evident during the decision-making process.”

The Groak Award, named in memory of the late George Groak who provided facility support at Aberdeen Proving Ground in the 1950s, was presented for exceptional work by wage grade personnel. Bobby H. Graybeal, a welder leader in the Survivability/Lethality Core, received the award.

“Graybeal is assigned the most complex, technically challenging jobs, and successfully completes them on time, under budget, and more importantly, safely,” said John F. Reynolds, metal processing work supervisor. “His recent accomplishments are the flammable liquid storeroom for the Naval

Research Laboratory, the fragmentation shield at the fire safety test enclosure, and currently the bridge crossing simulator. “It is a great testimony that customers request him to accomplish their most complex projects.”

The Crozier Award was presented to Sgt. Aaron Cress, from the Warfighter Core. Named for the late Maj. Gen. William Crozier, Army Chief of Ordnance from 1901 to 1917, the award is presented to a soldier for excellence in technical test project management and test support.

“Sgt. Aaron Cress joined the Abrams team several months ago and has since become an invaluable member coordinating soldier-operator-maintainer test and evaluation support for test programs at ATC,” said Todd Wagner, Cress’ supervisor. His technical expertise as an infantry soldier makes him invaluable to the test directors to ensure that the best product is sent to the soldier in the field. He demonstrates exceptional skill in all tasks assigned to him and maintains a standard of excellence in spite of an extremely heavy workload.”

ATC also recognized Staff Sgt. Brian C. O’Neil and Sgt. Rico T. Clay for their great support to ATC’s SOMTE mission.

The Fritter Award, presented to an employee who provides exceptional administrative support named for the late Richard W. Fritter, a former ATC budget analyst, was presented to Karen J. Zeto, a management and program analyst with the resource management team.

“During the past year, ATC has been through some very difficult issues and Zeto has provided an invaluable service to every core while working manpower vacancies, promotions and reduction-in-force mechanics,” said Louise V. Beyer, the nominator. “She worked numerous personnel actions coordinating new and revised job descriptions, priority placement program lists, movement of personnel within ATC, and the requisition of new ATC employees.”

The Nichols Award, named in memory of the late Charles W. Nichols, whose accomplishments epitomize the contributions made by ATC technicians, was presented to Walter Andrefsky, an electronics technician with the Survivability/Lethality Core.

“Andrefsky is a highly respected professional in the arena of ballistics data acquisition,” said Merle D. Truitt, a team member of the ballistics instrumentation team. “He can be relied upon for his professionalism and ingenuity in collecting the required ballistics data regardless of the testing environment.

“He has contributed to research projects in conjunction with the Technical Cooperation Program, recognizing his technical ballistics expertise with allied nations and with other federal agencies,” he said. “His expertise in cooperation with institutions has catapulted ATC to the forefront of military medical simulant testing.”

The Commander’s Award was presented to William W. Newton, an environmental engineer of the Military Environmental Technology Demonstration Center, Survivability/Lethality Core for outstanding individual achievement on a technical project or study.

“Newton’s efforts have resulted in a new technical mission for ATC - the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment,” said Kenneth L. Hudson, chief METDC. “ATC’s entrance into the demonstration of demilitarization technologies is directly correlated to Newton’s technical, project management and marketing expertise. His efforts have resulted in \$3.6 million dollars of work for ATC and have furthered the command’s reputation for being able to get the job completed in a technically superior manner, on time, and within budget.”

Reach out and adopt-a-soldier

By Sheila Little
APG News

Each year there are a number of young soldiers, ages 18 to 22, who spend the holidays on Aberdeen Proving Ground, away from family and friends. Some are from far away and can’t afford the travel expense, others choose not to go, but for whatever reason, they spend the holidays away from loved ones.

Those of the 16th Ordnance

Brigade who remain on the installation become part of NOEL Company, which stands for no exodus leave. As members of the company formed from troops not participating in the scheduled exodus, Dec. 20 through Jan. 2, the young soldiers are kept busy with a variety of activities including parties, shopping trips and other fun group outings such as watching or participating in sports. What they lack is the opportunity

to participate in a family celebration.

“We keep them busy doing group activities, but would like to see soldiers attend religious services, enjoy a family dinner, or share in other holiday activities with area families,” said 1st. Sgt. Robert Bartholomew, Company C, and serving as 1st Sgt. of NOEL Company this year.

That’s where local families can step in, share with one or two sol-

diers, and show their children and other family members the true meaning of the holidays. Participating families need not be military or work on APG, and can take on an adoptee for a few hours or a few days.

“It was a lot of fun for our family, and I’d love to do it again,”

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Army University access online

The Army is launching a major new educational initiative - Army University Access Online. This new initiative is designed to offer eligible soldiers the opportunity to obtain higher education degrees (AA/AS, BA/BS, MA/MS, and Technical Certification) by maximizing the use of technology-based education opportunities.

This program will start at selected installations and will follow soldiers as they move throughout the Army. The program has potential for Army-wide expansion as well as expansion to family members. The potential users of this program could exceed one million.

The Army is looking to contract with a company or consortium to integrate education, technology and program management resources to deliver high-quality

online education. The contractor will develop and manage eArmyU.com, a web portal that achieves this integration and provides a single, seamless online interface to soldier-students and administrators.

To this end, the contractor will 1) develop and coordinate a network of participating academic institutions, 2) manage a technology package and Internet services, 3) track course participation and progress, 4) provide online support services and 5) coordinate the award of degrees.

At the Association of the United States Army’s 50th annual meeting in October, Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera set the stage for the Army’s new education initiative.

Army University Access Online is a program to provide

universal online education opportunities while soldiers serve throughout the world.

“Essential to our vision of transforming the Army is our commitment to investing in our people,” Caldera said.

Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley said the initiative would have an enormous impact on enlisted soldiers.

“The Army University Access Online is exactly what today’s soldiers are looking for - a chance to earn their degrees while they serve,” Tilley said.

“By helping soldiers achieve their personal, professional and educational goals, Army University Access Online reinforces the Army’s commitment to investing in its people.”

(Taken from the website www.eArmyU.com)

UMUC to offer new programs in teaching starting ‘summer vacation’ 2001

University of Maryland University College is launching two new master degrees for kindergarten through grade 12 teachers, in response to projections which indicate that by 2003, 52 percent of the state’s current teacher pool will be eligible for retirement. The UMUC programs, a master of arts in teaching and a Master of Education are available for the first time in summer 2001. Applications are now being accepted.

The master of arts is designed to prepare individuals for careers in secondary teaching. A solid theoretical framework in teaching as well as academic breadth and depth in specific subject areas are provided. A variety of instructional methods will be explored, as well as the integration of pedagogy and the practice of teaching through intensive field experiences. Students may be certified in biology, chemistry, computer science, earth/space science, mathematics, physical science, and physics.

The new master of education is for K-12 teachers and technology educators who want to more actively incorporate technology into their course curricula and their teaching. Teachers will be better prepared to lead change efforts for using technology in their schools. They will also understand the use of technology and its impact on curriculum and instruction in the classroom. Master of education graduates are

exposed to a wide array of instructional technologies and develop a broad understanding of technology management at the school and district levels.

Courses for both programs are available online. Master of arts

candidates complete a face-to-face internship experience in a professional development school.

For more information about the new UMUC master degrees, call 301-985-7200 or visit the web site at www.umuc.edu/gsmf/.

Avoid holiday depression, family tension, stress

The holiday season is a time of joy, cheer, parties and family-oriented gatherings, but it can also be a time of self-evaluation, loneliness and anxiety about an uncertain future, causing holiday blues.

Many factors cause holiday blues like increased stress and fatigue, unrealistic expectations, over-commercialization, financial constraints and the inability to be with family and friends. Increased demands of shopping, parties and house-guests can also cause tension and others may suffer from post-holiday depression after Jan. 1.

Signs of depression can include noticeable weight loss or gain, difficulty sleeping, lack of energy, loss of interest in usual activities and thoughts of suicide. If someone exhibits any of these signs, a primary care

manager should be contacted immediately for proper treatment.

Here are some tips for having a happier holiday: keep holiday expectations manageable; set realistic goals; make a list and prioritize activities; let go of the past — do not be disappointed if the holidays are not as they used to be; do something for someone else like volunteering at a soup kitchen; avoid excessive drinking as alcohol is a depressant.

(Editor’s Note: Sierra Military Health Services, Inc., the TRICARE administrator for TRICARE Northeast, submitted this information from the National Mental Health Association to increase awareness of depression and stress during the holidays.)

Share holiday traditions with APG soldiers

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said Sandy Rodrigues, who participated last year. Along with her husband, Chaplain (Maj.) Jose Rodrigues, and sons Marcus and David, the family opened their home and shared a Christmas Day meal with two soldiers in 1999. Rodrigues said the family’s oldest son, stationed in Alaska, was unable to make it home for Christmas last year. She and her husband felt others were reaching out to their son in Alaska, and it was a good idea to do the same. The family served their traditional Puerto Rican holiday meal of roasted pork, gave the soldiers phone cards, visited with them, and took them to the movies.

“It was a great experience,” she said.

The family is in the midst of a move this week, so will be unable to participate this year, but Rodrigues said both the soldiers they sponsored and her family had a great time. She urges other families to reach out and share this holiday season.

For information on how you can participate in the adopt-a-soldier program, call Bartholomew or Capt. Martin Griffith, NOEL Company commander, at 410-278-8582/3.

Filler

Shadow 200 TUAV systems tested at ATC

By Phyllis J. DeFranks
ATC Public Affairs Office

The Shadow 200 tactical unmanned aerial vehicle system recently completed a series of fully automatic landings during the first trial at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

The first in a new generation of TAUVs, the Shadow 200 TUAV system is being developed to provide battlefield and peacekeeping mission intelligence for U.S. Army brigade commanders. Reconnaissance, surveillance, and battlefield damage intelligence will be delivered from the air vehicle's electronic payloads directly to tactical command centers.

ATC signed a memorandum of understanding in June 2000 with the prime contractor, AAI Corporation, to conduct flight tests of the system here at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

These hands-off automatic landings of the Shadow 200 air

vehicles eliminate the need for an external pilot. The initial landings took place recently during a 1.8-hour flight test conducted at the Phillips Army Airfield.

Additional testing of the automatic landing system is currently being conducted at other locations as the Shadow 200 system concludes its three-month initial integration and flight test program.

"The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center has conducted UAV evaluations in the past, but this project was unique," said Col. Andrew Ellis, ATC commander. "It entered previously uncharted territory due to the fact that evaluations included not only the maturity and robustness of the air vehicle itself, but also the performance of its payload."

The Shadow 200 is being developed from a heritage of technically mature and operationally proven UAVs, including Pioneer UAV system and its AAI's

Shadow 200, 400, and 600 UAV systems.

"The Shadow air vehicle and ground control systems accomplished three 'touch and go' landings and one final automatic landing during the touch-down phase of the extensive automatic landing system trials," said Steve Reid, the Shadow 200 program manager for AAI Corporation. "The landings were all very smooth and accurate."

ATC supported the AAI Corporation and the program manager's office Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles through planning, executing and reporting during testing.

"The facilities at APG were just what was needed, and the test support from ATC was very good," said Reid. "The jointly-hosted 'VIP' events were very well received and served to add additional support to the program."



PHOTO BY JIM DOUGLAS

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center hosted the initial testing of the hands-off automatic landings of the Shadow 200 Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle system here at APG.

Volunteers from APG community named Harford's Beautiful People



PHOTO BY YVONNE JOHNSON

Otis Russell (Reds) Redmond sits astride a horse on his Aberdeen farm. Redmond is sitting in an authentic 1918 saddle and is wearing boots, trousers and a hat from the 6th Field Artillery Division like the uniform he wore when he entered the U.S. Army at Fort Hoyle in 1936. Redmond was recently named one of "Harford's Most Beautiful People" because of his devotion to local Boy Scout troops and for his collections of hundreds of toys, stuffed animals and bicycles for the county's annual toy drives.

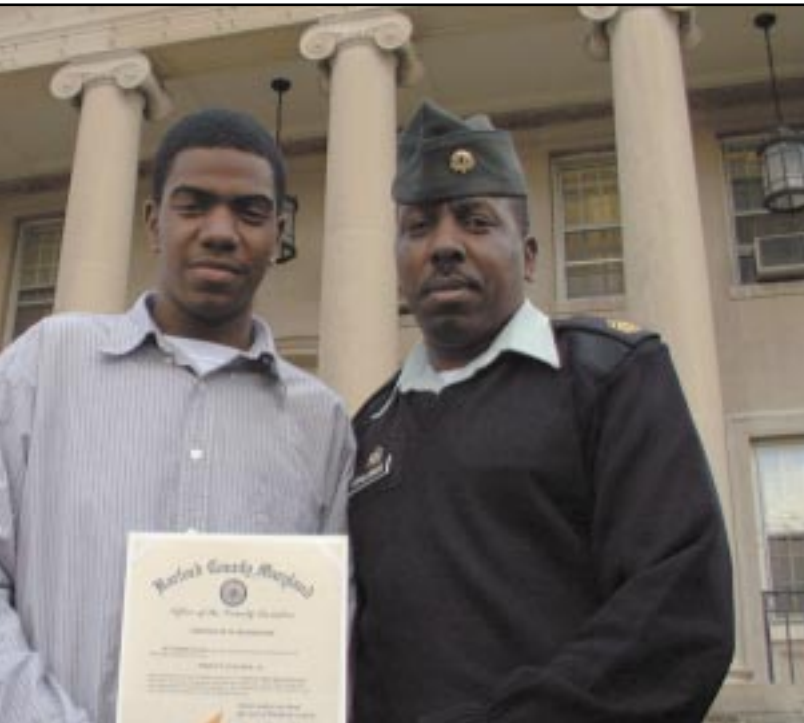


PHOTO BY YVONNE JOHNSON

Ronald E. Stallings, recently named one of Harford's Most Beautiful People, poses with his father APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald E. Stallings outside garrison headquarters.

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Volunteers are the driving forces behind many organizations in the Aberdeen Proving Ground community and across the nation. To pay tribute to the spirit of volunteerism, the state of Maryland created the "Maryland You Are Beautiful Program."

The program was developed to foster pride and economic progress in the state, according to Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening.

Harford County recently recognized 38 outstanding volunteers in an October ceremony led by Harford County Executive James H. Harkins.

Among those named Harford's Most Beautiful People were two members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community and a U.S. Army veteran whose military roots date back more than 60 years.

Honored were Ronald E. Stallings, the son of APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings; Baise Christian Thomas, the son of Mark Thomas, an engineer with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory; and Otis Russell (Reds) Redmond, an icon in the Aberdeen and Edgewood communities known for collecting toys for needy children.

Stallings plans to attend the University of Maryland College Park next year. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the student council, the Jazz Band and the basketball team. Of his many activities, Stallings said he favors Ujima, a mentoring organization for young men of which he is the current commander.

"We are focused on showing young black men how to better the community by bettering

themselves," Stallings said.

Through Ujima, Stallings acts as a big brother to younger boys to help them develop the mindset to be successful in life. Recently, he introduced a young man to Ju-Jitsu, an activity that successfully helped him overcome the negative peer pressure that was affecting his school performance.

The majority of Stallings' time is spent with his family and in the church.

He also serves as a musician for two churches, is a junior usher, and is a member of the Young People's Department, youth choir, and the Junior Church.

Emil Cromwell, the person who nominated Stallings, wrote that Stallings' "display of respect for authority, ambition to obtain a good education, wise choice in friendships and wholehearted service to God, has earned him much respect from the young men he leads. He is definitely one of Harford's Most Beautiful People."

Thomas is a well-rounded young man with many interests and talents, wrote nominator Allen Bennett Hathaway.

Thomas holds a 3.2 grade point average while pursuing an advanced college preparatory curriculum. He is active in the Future Business Leaders of America, the Jazz Band, varsity football, and weight lifting and is an active member in the Youth Division of the National Association of Negro Musicians. Thomas has performed solos at the National Conventions in Philadelphia, Las Vegas, Houston and Atlanta.

At church, he serves as an organist for the youth choir and as a drummer for the Vernon Sewell Ensemble. He is vice president of the youth choir and a charter member of Ujima.

Baise said he plans to pursue a double major in music and busi-

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Community Notes

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 7
ABERDEEN AREA TREE LIGHTING

The Aberdeen Area tree lighting will take place at the Post Theater, building 3245, at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 8
LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

The parents and adults of Boy Scout Troop 429 will sponsor Longaberger Basket Bingo, 7 p.m. at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers St., Aberdeen. Doors open at 6 p.m.; there will be food, a bake sale and drinks, door prizes, raffles and special games. Cost is \$10 per ticket (three cards), and \$5 for additional sets of three cards. For tickets, call Amy Carlson, 410-939-6429. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 429.

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9
389TH ARMY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), will hold a holiday concert in the Post Theater, building 3245, beginning at 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PRIZE BINGO
Water Witch Fire Company, Station 7-2, located at Abrahams Road and Tome Highway, Port Deposit, will hold a Christmas Prize Bingo at 7 p.m. Cost for adults is \$10 per ticket (cards for 20 games), and \$5 for additional packs of cards. Cost is \$5 for children under 10 years of age. Tickets are available at the door. Door prizes, refreshments, toys, gifts, raffles and more will be offered. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-378-3338 or 410-378-9169. Proceeds benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Water Witch Fire Company.

SUNDAY
December 10
HOLIDAY HARMONY HAPPENING

"It's A Wonderful Life, Mr. Grinch," will be presented by the Upper Chesapeake Chorus, Sweet Adelines International at St. Mary Magdalen Mission on Route 22 in Bel Air at 3 p.m. The 40-member chorus, under the direction of Cydney Wentzel will take you on a humorous and harmonic adventure to find out what life would be like if there were no Christmas. Joining the chorus in presenting holiday favorites and other tunes performed in four-part a cappella harmony will be four of the registered chapter quartets, including Fire & Ice, Fourocious, Secrets and The Pleasure of Your Company. Ticket prices are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door; and students and seniors are half price. For tickets or more information, call 410-575-7602 or 410-877-9780.

TREE LIGHTING IN THE EDGEWOOD AREA

The tree lighting in the Edgewood Area will take place at the Edgewood Area Chapel, building E-4620, at 6 p.m.

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 12
EDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY PTA MEETING

The next meeting of the Edgewood Elementary Parent Teachers Association will be held at 6 p.m., immediately preceding the holiday concert. All interested parents and teachers are urged to attend the meeting.

WEDNESDAY
December 13
EA-OWC ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club is holding its Annual Cookie Exchange and soup and salad lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The lunch and cookie exchange will be held at Denise Doesburg's home, 4670 Parrish Road, Edgewood. A social hour begins at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12 p.m. Members of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club and EA-OWC are invited to bring four dozen cookies—one dozen to share for dessert and three dozen to exchange. Guests are reminded to bring a container for take-home selections. Members of both clubs are invited to attend even if they choose not to bring cookies to exchange. Call Diane Payne at 410-569-5116 or Jenna Edens at 410-676-1487 with your reservation by Friday, Dec. 8.

SBCCOM FOOD AND TOY DRIVE RECEPTION
The closing reception and presentation of donations from the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command's Holiday Food and Toy Drive will be held in the Berger Laboratory cafeteria, building E-3549 at 1 p.m. Holiday music and Christmas carols will be presented by Dick Dewey and his "Merry Band." Santa Claus is also expected. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Debra Stark, 410-436-3603,

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 15
AN EVENING OF JAZZ

Harford Community College's Division of Fine and Applied Arts will present "An Evening of Jazz," 8 p.m., in HCC's Chesapeake Theater. Second Shift, Blue Connotations, and HCC's vocal and instrumental jazz ensembles will perform. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, and \$1 for students 17 and under. Proceeds will benefit HCC's Music Scholarship Fund. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-836-4211 or 410-879-8920. TTY 410-836-4199.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 16**
The St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church School, 617 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will present its annual Christmas program at 6 p.m. This year's Musical Extravaganza features local choirs and musicians. Admission is free. A reception is planned immediately following the program. For more information call Lisa Waldon at 410-278-4353/5480.

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 16
THE ST. JAMES AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SCHOOL, 617 GREEN STREET,

Havre de Grace, will present its Annual Christmas program at 6 p.m. This year's program is a 'Musical Extravaganza,' featuring local choirs and musicians. Admission is free. A reception is planned immediately following the program. For more information call Lisa Waldon at 410-278-4353/5480.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 17
GOOD NEWS

The Edgewood Baptist Church and the APG Post Chapel Church choirs will present "That's The Good News," a Christmas musical, 7 p.m. at the Edgewood Baptist Church, located at 422 Edgewood Road, Edgewood. Everyone is invited to attend. Admission to the concert is free; nursery services will be provided. For more information, call the church office at 410-676-5838.

WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS VETERANS ASSOCIATION MARYLAND FREE STATE CHAPTER 70
Will hold a Christmas Party at Perry Point VA Medical Center at 3 p.m. in the Day Room on the Nursing Home Care Unit, Ward 9. Members will meet at 2 p.m. in the parking lot next to the Perry Point Chapel. For more information, contact Wanda Story at 410-272-5040.

A GUIDETO HISTORIC CHURCHES
Everyone is welcome to take a free, self-guided Christmas tour of historic Havre de Grace churches, from 5 to 9 p.m. Brochures are available from Tour Headquarters, Havre de Grace United Methodist Church located at 101 S. Union Ave., 410-939-2464; the Havre de Grace Tourism Commission located at 224 N. Washington St., 1-800-851-7756; and the Havre de Grace Visitor Center located at 121-B N. Union Ave., 410-939-3336.

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 5
WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS VETERANS ASSOCIATION MARYLAND FREE STATE CHAPTER 70**
Will hold a meeting at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Aberdeen. All women of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Women's Army Corps, retired Army, honorably discharged, active duty, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, and the Army Nurses Corps are welcome to attend and join.

MOVIES

Post Theater admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

The Post Theater will be closed on **Friday, Dec. 8** and **Saturday, Dec. 9** for the Aberdeen Area Christmas tree lighting ceremony and concert and closed **Friday, Dec. 14** and **Sunday, Dec. 15** due to the annual U. S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' EXODUS program.

The theater will close for the holidays, **Dec. 23** through **Jan. 5**, and will reopen **Saturday, Jan. 6**.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Garrison Library has new arts and crafts books for your reading pleasure. Come by either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check out some books.

American Heritage Illustrated History of the Presidents
The Cases that Haunt Us by John E. Douglas
Dave Barry is not Taking this Sitting Down!
Getting What You Want by Robert J. Ringer
Life Lessons by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross
The Mystery of Courage by William Ian Miller
Practical Miracles for Mars & Venus by John Gray
Singing My Him Song by Malachy McCourt
The Way Forward is With a Broken Heart by Alice Walker
What They Didn't Teach You About the Wild West by Mike Wright

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
Marian Bellis (Fracture of left tibia)
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)
Tammy Budkey
Angela D. Cheek
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)
Dawn Crouse (surgery)
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)
Tricia Lin Dietz
Fred Dill
Surinder K. Dillon (son has cancer)
Joseph R. Dugan
Messina Enderlein
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)
Willa Freisheim
Penelope K. Galoff (maternity)
Norman L. Greear
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)
Wayne A. Jaynes
Evelyn K., Johnson (surgery)
Larry Jonas
Carole Jones
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Beverly King (caring for husband)

William Klein
Yvonne Lissimore (knee-surgery)
Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Nicholas J. Lombardo, Jr. (heart attack)
Stacy Miller (maternity)
Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)
Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Lylis Payne
Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Michael Reynolds
Janice M. Rice (assist ill mother)
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tami C. Rowland (Maternity)
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Sherry Schaffer
Lena Shelton
Motoko Stahl
Rachel Swearingen
Frances L. Thomas
Joseph Walker (wife has cancer)
Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity)
Cecelia Walton (respiration problems)
Willie Williams
Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial; 410-278-1524; or fax 410-278-7877.

Upcoming classes at EA Crafts

Ceramics Class
A basic ceramic class will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class will teach the basics of mold pouring, glazing, and painting. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.

Framing
A beginning matting and framing class will be held on Dec. 21 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Students must bring an 8" x 10" picture to class to frame and must preregister in advance as class size is limited. Cost is \$15 plus supplies.

Porcelain Dolls
A beginning porcelain doll class making a Sugar Britches doll will be held on Fridays in January on the 5th, 12th and 19th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class size is limited. Preregistration is required. Cost is \$30 plus supplies.

Custom Framing
A professional picture framer is on staff to do your framing. Photo's, limited edition prints, posters, paintings or just about anything can be framed. A wide selection of mats and frames is available to choose from.

Edgewood Arts & Crafts is open Thursdays from 1 to 9 p.m., Friday & Saturday from 9 to 5 p.m., and is available to all active duty military, civilians working on post and their dependents. It is located in building E-4440 next to the MP station. For more information call 410-436-2153.

Gift Wrapping Schedule

DECEMBER:

Thursday 7 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
520th Soldier Support Group
Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Perez, 410-436-7147

Friday 8 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Protestant Women of the Chapel
Nancy Brew, 410-272-1098

Saturday 9 - 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
EA/AA Youth Services-Teens
Donna Woodards, 278-4995

Sunday 10 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Headquarters and Headquarters 16th Ordnance Family Support Group
1st Sgt. Gray, 410-278-5405

Monday 11 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Carol Mahonti, 410-273-5033

Tuesday 12 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)
Virginia Davis, 410-273-7110

Wednesday 13 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
16th Ordnance Battalion Family Support Group
Command Sgt. Maj. Posadas, 410-278-8595

Thursday 14 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers
Sgt. King, 410-278-4202

Friday 15 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Edgewood Elementary PTA
Marcy Perez, 410-676-6994

Saturday 16 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Protestant Women of the Chapel
Nancy Brew, 410-272-1098

Sunday 17 - 10 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Air Force Wives
Carla Davis, 410-278-2848

Monday 18 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Warrant Officers Association
Warrant Officer Hill, 410-278-3170

Tuesday 19 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Roye Williams PTA
Donna Dease, 410-273-1487

Wednesday 20 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory Soldier Support
Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Perez,

Thursday 21 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
203rd Family Support Group
Angela Conlon, 410-436-2306

Friday 22 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Command & Staff Soldier Readiness
Donna Deitz, 410-273-1487

Saturday 23 - 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
16th Ordnance Battalion Family Support Group
Command Sgt. Maj. Posadas, 410-278-8595

Sunday 24 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
16th Ordnance Battalion Soldier Support Group
Command Sgt. Maj. Posadas, 410-278-8595

Navy defeats Army 30-28 in classic game at Baltimore's PSINet Stadium

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Whether you were taking sides or not in the first Army-Navy football game to be played in Baltimore in 56 years, it was easy to get caught up in the festivities if you ventured anywhere near Baltimore's Inner Harbor or PSINet Stadium.

Who would have foreseen that the largest crowd ever assembled on the Baltimore Raven's home turf would be there for a contest between two college teams?

And not just any college teams.

The 101st meeting between the Midshipmen of Navy and the Black Knights of Army delivered all it promised and more. When you consider the fact that both teams came into the game with one win between them, you have to admit they were evenly matched.

A crowd of 70,685 witnessed Navy's 30-28 win over an Army team that went down to several misplays and some controversial calls by the officials.

Up 20-7 at halftime, Navy looked to put the game away despite a second-half surge that saw Army score 21 points to Navy's 10.

Without looking at the final score, the numbers put up by both quarterbacks illustrate how close the game really was.

Navy quarterback Brian Broadwater finished with 7 of 13 pass attempts, no turnovers and 88-yards. Army second-string quarterback Curtis Zervic had 9 of 15 completions, one interception and racked up 99 yards. Army senior Joe Gerena, who was pulled in the third quarter, was 4 for 15 with one interception and 46-yards.

The games defining statistic

may be that Broadwater also rushed for 121 yards. No small feat, considering Army's lead rusher, Michael Wallace ran for 159.

Army's seeming comeback was stifled in the waning minutes by a controversial running-into-the-kicker penalty. With less than 2-minutes left in the game, Navy kicker David Hills was hit by Army defensive back Andrew Burke during a 43-yard field goal attempt.

Proclaiming the contact incidental and the penalty unnecessary, Army fans came away feeling the penalty probably cost them the game as Navy ran out the game's remaining seconds.

No matter who you were rooting for, there's no denying the game, with all its excitement and pageantry, topped off a great weekend for the city of Baltimore and the state of Maryland.

Weide hosts 101st Airborne aviators

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The Maryland Army National Guard at Weide Army Heliport in the Edgewood Area, played host to elements of the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Ky., who were here in support of the 101st Army-Navy football game played Dec. 2 at Baltimore's PSINet Stadium.

Fifteen helicopters and about 50 personnel began arriving in the area last Monday. They immediately began preparations for static

displays and a game day flyover in Baltimore.

The aircraft involved included two CH-47 Chinook cargo helicopters, 10 AH-64 Apache attack helicopters two OH-58D Kiowa Warrior armed scout helicopters and one UH-60 Blackhawk utility helicopter.

Personnel at Weide were tasked to provide fuel, maintenance, parking and flight planning support.

"We are pleased to support the efforts of the 101st Airborne

Division and honored to be a part of this historic occasion," said Col. Ron Eaton, State Army Aviation Officer for the Maryland Army National Guard.

Eaton noted that a UH-60 Blackhawk from the MDARNG joined 101st aircraft in a static display at the Baltimore Inner Harbor.

Elements of the MDARNG's 29th Aviation Battalion and 104th Medical Company supported the Inner Harbor commitment.

APG veteran, teens add beauty to Harford

BEAUTIFUL , from page 6

ness at Morgan State University or at the University of Maryland College Park. He agreed that Ujima is his most worthwhile activity.

"Helping others realize their potential is the most satisfying part," Thomas said.

He is an outstanding young person who deserves to be one of "Harford's Most Beautiful People," Hathaway wrote.

The two youngest awardees, Stallings and Thomas are seniors at Joppatowne High School. Both attend St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church where Ujima meets Saturday mornings on Green Street in Havre de Grace.

Otis Russell (Reds) Redmond was nominated to be one of Harford's Most Beautiful People by Lois Howard. Redmond first came to Edgewood as a soldier assigned to the 6th Field Artillery at Fort Hoyle in 1936.

He retired in 1966 at the rank of master sergeant. When he left the Army, he and his wife Anna

decided to make Edgewood their home.

Redmond is well known in the Edgewood area for his leadership at American Legion Post 17 where he is a past commander and chaired and served on every committee. He is a lifetime member of VFW Post 10028 in Aberdeen. One of his many projects was assembling items and artifacts for a mobile museum commemorating the Armed Services. For years, he transported the museum to schools, fairs, and community gatherings.

An avid supporter of local Boy Scouts, despite having no children of his own, Redmond dedicated several acres of his Aberdeen farm for campouts and ball games.

The activity closest to his heart is collecting stuffed animals, toys and bicycles for children. He collects items year round, accumulating hundreds of toys that he donates to the Sheriff's Department, local churches, and Anna's House during Christmas drives.

Redmond said he doesn't do it for thanks.

"I just want to do my part to make sure kids have a good Christmas," Redmond said adding that he donated 500 toys to the community last year.

A guest bedroom in Redmond's home is literally filled with stuffed animals he collected this year. He proudly showed off the ones he "saved from the trash bin."

"The stores will throw them out for one little tear. All it takes is a needle and thread and you can make some little child very happy."

Though 83 years old, the veteran of WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam added that he plans to continue collecting toys for children as long as he is able.

"Reds wants all the children in the county to have something under their tree Christmas morning," Howard wrote. "For all these reasons and more, he is one of Harford's Most Beautiful People."

Opinions



a LITTLE logic.....

Sheila Little

APG News

I went to a football game over the weekend. Army and Navy clashed in Baltimore, and I was not about to miss out. I'm really not much of a sports spectator, but Jim and I have a daughter in her junior year at the U.S. Military Academy, and I was hoping that between seeing her parade into the stadium, checking out the brunch sponsored by local academy boosters at Camden Yards, and the show-and-tell displays in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, interest in the actual game was not required. For me, this proved to be correct. In fact, I scored big on the satisfaction scale.

Jim, who played football in high school and college, may have a slightly different outlook, more in keeping with the final football score. But even he enjoyed most

Everyone wins at Army-Navy game

aspects of the day.

Things did not start off well. Pondering the weather reports predicting a weekend ice age for the Baltimore area, I leafed through the L.L. Bean catalog, considering an emergency order. Ever on the hunt for a bargain, I found that the items I wanted were out of stock, so I prayed for warmer weather. (The sun did peek through the clouds at times. Score one for me.)

On Friday evening, our older daughter and her husband, preparing to fly in from Rhode Island for the game, discovered a ticket mix up at the airport. They're young, so they decided to hop in the car for the almost seven-hour drive. (They arrived at 1 a.m., with credit toward a future flight. Add another point.)

Denise paraded from Rash Field over to the stadium, where we caught a good view of her on the jumbo tron before she entered. (I'm assuming this meant she was on television, so give me another point.)

After the parade of USMA cadets, we met up with our cadet and a friend of hers and attended the brunch at Camden Yards. (The food was plentiful and tasty, the room was warm, and the lines were short. We ate well, warmed up, and received great service, so give me another point.)

Arriving back at the stadium, we were treated to an air show. Helicopters and jets flew over-

head, and the Army and Navy parachuted over the stadium, executing impressive maneuvers, and landing without mishap. (Notice how the points are adding up and the game hasn't started? Another point for me.)

Army scored the first touchdown. (Add a point....or three, if you're a true Army fan.)

We had a great view of academy skits via jumbo tron. These "ads" featured spoofs of movies, popular commercials, and other gimmicks with the usual conclusion of 'Go Army, Beat Navy,' or was it the other way around? (Another point for me.)

The real bonus of the day was at the game's conclusion. After the usual hoopla, cadets, midshipmen and fans stood silently and respectfully, while the alumnates of both academies were played. It made me feel proud to be an American, and even prouder of the young patriots in the stadium. (Give me more points, loan a few to Army, and the day turns out even better.)

Even after all that 'great rivalry' stuff we hear, cadets and midshipmen left side-by-side, with no problems. I left feeling pumped up and proud. It was almost a perfect day, and was a perfect day for the Navy. Army fans, we'll just have to wait 'til next year.

Army elements create crowd-pleasing Inner Harbor displays

AIRBORNE, from front page

Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. The Apache was one of 15 aircraft provided by the division in support of the 101st meeting of the two rivals.

Thousands of people visited the harbor over the weekend, many of them attracted by the chance to get a better look at military equipment they've only seen on television or in books.

The largest crowds gathered around the helicopters. Many couldn't seem to get enough of the Apache, which was made famous by its exploits during the Gulf War.

"They've been coming almost non-stop since we got here," said Staff Sgt. Richard Martinez as he helped a toddler sit up high on the side of the Apache.

A crewmember assigned to Fort Campbell's 2/101st Aviation Regiment, Martinez said children have been the most enthusiastic visitors.

"They get excited just to catch a glimpse of the cockpit. You can't help but enjoy watching that," Martinez said.

Sgt. Larry Mauck, a Maryland

Army National Guard recruiter, said the area was set up the Thursday before the big weekend and the crowds had not let up since.

"We even got a few referrals to follow up," he said about his and fellow recruiter, Staff Sgt. Richard Thomas' efforts.

"We've answered hundreds of questions in the past few days."

"We're just proud to be a part of the 101st game," Thomas added.

Chief Warrant Officer Stephen E. Jones, a MEDEVAC pilot with the 104th Medical Company agreed, calling the whole affair "pretty neat."

"We have several flight medics and pilots out here answering questions and nobody's complained," Jones said. "The children make it all worthwhile."

"It's a good feeling to be out here and a wonderful feeling to represent APG," added Sgt. Aaron Cress from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center. Cress and Sgt. Thomas Frederick fielded questions about two Army tanks, an M2-Bradley and an M1A2-

Abrams, that bordered the display area.

They were transported to the harbor on flatbed trailers and will be sent back Sunday evening, Cress said.

The tank commander added that he was "looking forward to this day forever."

"It's been great to meet veteran tankers who are more than willing to share their stories with you," Cress said.

Though they were off duty at 8 p.m. the night before, they stayed on the site chatting with visitors until after midnight, he added.

Of course, the two said they still took the time to enjoy the main reason for the gathering.

"We've done our part," the two said as they mounted their vehicles and held up "Go Army" and "Beat Navy" signs.

"We held these up while the Midshipmen were marching by during the parade," Frederick said with a smile. "Just a little show of support from one Army family to another."



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Blaise Christian Thomas, left, one of Harford's Most Beautiful People, stands outside building 321 with his father, Mark Thomas, an engineer with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. Thomas attends Joppatowne High School and St. James A.M.E. Church where he volunteers as a mentor for Ujima, an organization for young men promoting academics, high standards, personal growth, responsibility and community service.



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Sgts. Thomas Frederick, left, and Aaron Cress, from U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, show their support for West Point cadets. The two tank commanders displayed an M2-Bradley and an M1A2 Abrams tank from ATC in support of the U.S. Army display at the Inner Harbor during the 101st Army-Navy game. Behind them is the USS Carter-Hall, a dock loading ship in the city for the game.